

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER



The Airman & Family Readiness Center

Promotes individuals, families, and leadership with programs and services to strengthen communities, encourage self-sufficiency, enhance mission readiness and ease adaptation to the Air Force way of life. The center serves singles, couples and families alike. Services are provided to military members of all branches of service, DOD employees and their families. Most services are provided on a walk-in basis or just a phone call away.

17 DECEMBER 2010

WHAT'S THE INFORMANT?

- A List of All Our Classes, Seminars and Items of Interest For the Next 30-60 Days.
- Dates, Times and Other Info Relating to our Mandatory briefings.
- What's New at the Airman & Family Readiness Center.



PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING

We have begun a new method of delivering our Pre-Sep Counseling's beginning in 2011. **Starting in January there will be two different types. 1. Retiring Military only and 2. Separating Military only.** Please ensure that you sign up for the correct one for your situation. The time will remain the same, that being from 1 to 2 p.m., and we will still do individual pre-seps on a walk-in basis. The DD Form 2648/pre-separation counseling Checklist must be accomplished no later than 90 days prior to retirement or separation. Upcoming Separation Pre-Seps will be: 10 and 24 January, and 14 February. Upcoming Retirement Pre-Seps will be held on 3 and 31 January and for February the 7th and the 28th. Please call if you have any questions about these changes.

The DD Form 2648 is required for final out processing.

R & R

Conducted every Tuesday and Thursday, with the exception of Holidays. Times for the class are from 0730-0930 in the A&FRC Classroom.

PRE-DEPLOYMENT BRIEFINGS

Held every Monday morning from 1000 - 1045 The Briefing is conducted at Building 2, Area C Room 244 of the Airman and Family Readiness Center

THIS BRIEFING IS MANDATORY FOR ALL WRIGHT-PATT DEPLOYERS

PLEASE CALL [257-3592](tel:257-3592) TO REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND BRIEFINGS

"E" SPONSORSHIP TRAINING/SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

Taking care of our newly assigned and soon to be assigned folks is so very important. Being a good sponsor is one of the most important yet underappreciated roles you can take as a military member. **Sponsorship training is required for anyone be assigned as a sponsor.** Being a great sponsor does so much to relieve the tension and anxiety of moving and settling in at a new or first duty station. **E-Sponsorship Training** is your First Source for Sponsorship Needs. All of the resources for training and post training tools and information are available through this online resource. **"E" Sponsorship Application & Training:** <http://apps.mhf.dod.mil/esat>. The online application provides: Registration for you and your new-comer---Training and certificate for your files---Sponsorship Duty Checklist---Newcomer and family needs assessment---Congratulations and Welcome letter templates and packages---Links to important DoD and Service moving websites---Management and status updates---Reporting module---Customer Satisfaction Surveys. **Beginning 01 April 2011, all sponsorship training will be done via this web based link.**

MILITARY & FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT

The Military Family Life Consultant (MFLC) program provides non-medical short-term, situational, problem-solving counseling services to address issues that occur across the military life style and help service members and their families cope with normal reactions to stressful and often adverse situations created by deployments and reintegration. MFLC provide outreach services that expand capabilities to address needs of Airmen and their families and can be a bridge to other services available on base or off. This program is free, and totally anonymous, no records are kept.

Call 608-4048 to schedule an appointment.

THE DISCOVERY ROOM

The A&FRC Discovery Room (DR) is your source for finding your future! Equipped with four Smart Card accessible computers and Printers (3 non Smart Card computers are available in the A&FRC lobby) the DR has everything you need for conducting your job search. The DR also features a vast listing of current job openings provided by local employers, books which can be signed out to enhance your knowledge of: Career Planning, Interviewing, Conducting Job Searches, Life Strategies, Military Life, Spouse Employment, Resume Writing and Transition. The Staff of the A&FRC will also assist you in all areas concerning discovering and making a brighter future a reality. Hours of Operation are M-F 0730-1630. **STOP IN AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU!**

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<http://www.wpafb.af.mil/afrf/index.asp>


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TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) AND EXECUTIVE TAP (ETAP IS FOR E-9's & O6 AND ABOVE)

Starting off 2011 TAP will be conducted on 11-14, 25-28 January and 1-4 February. This is a 3 1/2 Day Seminar (A&FRC Classroom 244, Bldg 2, Area C, GATE 1C) - The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop is designed to assist our military transition into the civilian workforce. The three and a half day workshop is designed to give you the tools you will need to help you successfully find employment. The classes run from Tuesday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Discussions will cover resume writing, interviewing skills, job search and more. Whether you are retiring or separating, this class is geared to your needs. **Our classes fill up fast, so call early to reserve your seat, 257-3592.**

NEWS AND EVENTS

FAMILIES OF THE DEPLOYED WARRIORS BOWLING

The next bowling night is set for 18 December, from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Kittyhawk Lanes. Get out and knock some pins down. For the families of our deployed warriors, this monthly event is held at the Kittyhawk Lanes. You get two games of bowling, shoes and your choice of pizza and a drink for only \$5.50, or a hotdog, fries and a drink for \$5. ***Please Contact the front desk at 257-3592 if you plan on attending. SMSgt Tyus or another member of the staff will meet you at the Bowling Center.***

FEDERAL RESUME WRITING

The next workshop is scheduled for 19 January and then again on 16 February. The time for the workshops is 1300-1500. This Resume Writing course focuses on the unique and sometimes confusing world of Federal job Applications and resumes writing criteria. It will provide the necessary tools to make your resume and application complete and competitive. This Resume Writing course focuses on the unique and sometimes confusing world of Federal job Applications and resumes writing criteria. It will provide the necessary tools to make your resume and application complete and competitive. Call 7-3592 to sign up.

SMOOTH MOVE

Are you PCSing or separating soon? It can certainly be a very trying and stressful time. Sign up for this class and learn some very valuable tips. Tips that can greatly reduce the anxiety associated with moving. This info is not only for the active duty member, but also spouses. Let us help you make your next move SMOOTH on 20 January from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the A&FRC Classroom.

INVESTING FOR RETIREMENT

This workshop is designed to get you thinking about your financial future and to give you good basic knowledge about the investment process as well as other facets of investing. The workshop will be held on 13 January from 11:00am to 1:00pm, the location will be room 15 in bldg 50 (The Education Center) Area B.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The Airman and Family Readiness Center offers a Career Focus Program for military spouses, active duty members and their dependants, as well as DoD civilians. Services include job application and resume assistance, job referrals, career counseling and planning, interview preparation, educational information, and career/personal development workshops. A resource room with personal computers and a job vacancy referral board are also available. Please contact 257-3592 for more information. No appointment is necessary.

GETTING TO KNOW THE STAFF



MS. JENNIFER SPURGIN

Ms. Jennifer M. Spurgin is Chief, Airman & Family Services for the 88th Force Support Squadron at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the largest FSF flight in the continental United States. Responsible for the oversight and technical direction of the educational, social, recreational and overall management of the child development centers, youth programs, youth sports, teen programs, family child care programs, school age programs, resource and referral, Airman & Family Readiness programs for over 20,00 military and civilians assigned to Wright Patterson AFB. Ms. Spurgin has an extremely supportive husband and three children. Her hobbies include camping, cycling and enjoying her family! A native of Denver, Colorado, Ms. Spurgin is a career civil servant. Upon joining the AF family, she has held a variety of positions at base level and a major command position.



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SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER:

Wright-Patt's School Liaison Officer is available full-time at the Airman & Family Readiness Center, Bldg. 2, Area C, Room 239. The SLO coordinates and assists school-aged children and youth of base military families with educational opportunities and information necessary to achieve academic success. Working in partnership with existing base programs & initiatives, the role of the School Liaison Officer is to:

- Help identify, communicate (inform base leadership), and seek resolution concerning issues/barriers to academic success by encouraging relationships between school, military families, installation and community;
- Promote the importance of parent involvement to Air Force military members (during registration/transitions/deployments) of school-aged children in their student's education;
- Develop programs/provide training to help teachers/counselors/principals/Superintendents and coaches better understand the unique needs/gifts of the military child/family;
- Support on-going base educational/recreational programs and training initiatives designed to enhance the military family lifestyle.

For more information, please contact Andrea Attaway-Young, 656-0942; E-Mail: Andrea.Attaway-Young@WPAFB.af.mil.

AIR FORCE AID GRANTS FOR DEPENDANTS OF ACTIVE DUTY

1. Concerned about the soaring cost of higher education for your children? Maybe the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) can help! Under its *General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program*, the Society awards \$2,000 each to selected applicants! The program continues to be offered to dependent sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 AGR performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reservists with 20+ qualifying years of service, and deceased Air Force members. Spouses (residing stateside) of active duty and Title 10 AGR/Reservists on extended active duty; and surviving spouses of deceased members are also eligible candidates. Don't think you won't qualify. For more information and application, visit the Air Force Aid Society's web site at www.afas.org.
2. Last year, the Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) awarded over \$5.6 million in college education grants to Air Force dependents. Your son, daughter or spouse could be an eligible candidate. Visit the Society's web site at www.afas.org for information and application for the *General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program*. Don't automatically think you won't qualify. What have you got to lose? A \$2,000 college grant!
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RELOCATION ASSISTANCE

Information and assistance to military personnel and families who are involved in or anticipating a permanent change of station (PCS) move or separation/retirement. Services include: Newcomers Briefings, Pre-and post-move counseling, Referrals to online resources with current information on military installations worldwide, Heart Link (Spouse Orientation), Smooth Move Seminars, Kids on the Move (PCSing, Conus, or Overseas)

PERSONAL FINANCIAL READINESS

All services are available on a walk-in basis...please bring any financial documents (LES, bank statements, bills, etc) that are relevant to your specific financial situation. They can assist with the following: Setting Financial Goals; Budgets; Credit Management; Investment Basics; Air Force Aid Emergency Assistance; Referrals. We are happy to assist you however we can, please do not hesitate to ask. **As a reminder, Please bring in your LES, bank statement and bills etc. when you come in for assistance. It will enable the staff to provide you with a more accurate assessment of your needs.** If you have any questions, please give the staff a call at 257-3592

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you are not already involved in some form of volunteer effort and would like some guidance in getting started or where your talents could be best utilized, **Contact our Volunteer Services Coordinator, Dawn Ivy at 656-0941.**

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A product of the Airman & Family Readiness Center. If you have any questions or concerns, Please contact the Editor; Dan Hullinger, (937) 257-3592 , daniel.hullinger@wpafb.af.mil



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